

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 5 to 9, 12, 23, 25 to 27, 48 and 49.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended. Claims 4, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 16 to 22 are newly canceled. Claim 1 is amended to include limitations of canceled claim 4. Claim 6 is amended into independent form incorporating all limitations of prior base claim 1.

Paragraph 12 of page 5 of the OFFICE ACTION stated that claims 3 to 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 24 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claim.

Claim 1 now recites subject matter of claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Claim 1 and dependent claims 4 to 6 are thus allowable. Claims 10 and 11 are allowable by dependence upon allowable claim 1.

Paragraph 10 of the OFFICE ACTION states that claims 8, 9, 12, 23, 25 to 27, 48 and 48 are allowed.

Paragraph 11 of the OFFICE ACTION states that claims 4 to 7 would be allowable if rewritten independent of rejected base claims. Claim 1 now recites the subject matter of claim 4 and is thus allowable. Claim 6 now includes the subject matter of prior base claim 1 and is thus allowable.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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